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Subject:

Charles "Clark" Ellsworth
Gilhousen gold coin collection!

Gilhousen, Archie Angelo

(Jonathan Club,
Los Angeles, CA)

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William Sumner Appeltton
Sec. Soc. Amer. Antiquities
9 Ashburton Pl - Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am referred to you by a Mrs Underhill
of your city.
I was telling her of my Brother's gold
coin collection - one of the largest and
finest in the world.

In a recent letter from Mr Roosevelt
he said that we should place this
if possible in the finest museum in

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America, and advised me to take it up
with the Metropolitan Museum in
New York - which I did.

They replied that they were not in a
position to purchase so valuable a
collection - but intimated that they
depended on getting such as donations.

We have shown the collection to
men high in official and private life
and all have pronounced it the
finest they have ever seen - not
excepting the one in the British Museum!

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The coins are chiefly gold.

They date back several hundred years
B.C. showing the gold coins of Solomon I
Darius The Great all of the Roman
Emperors and the gold coins of the
Holy Roman Empire and the
Byzantine Empire. Gold coins of
Alexander The Great, gold coins of
Charlemagne & Constantine
Frederick The Great - and of Catherine of Russia
and Peter The Great
Gold coins of Ferdinand and Isabella
at the time of Columbus.
Gold coins of Napoleon. Gold coins

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of King John Sobieski of Poland
Including a remarkable piece presented
to Sobieski to commemorate his
delivery of Europe from the Mohammedans
One side of this coin shows the head of
Christ - The only gold coin known with
the bust of Christ.

In the Polish Collection is the
largest gold coin in the world
weighs \$132.⁰⁰. It is a 60 ducat piece
of King Sigismund III.

Also we have the smallest gold coin
a $\frac{1}{32}$ of a ducat.

These coins are gems of artistic beauty

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as well as embodying in themselves
authentic accounts of ancient history.
We have the gold coins of every country
of Europe and Asia.

We have the Coronation set of
Queen Victoria and her Jubilee coins
commemorating her 60 years as Queen.
And the 5 sovereign pieces (\$25.00 pieces)
of the Kings of England for centuries
back.

Have also the rarest collection of
Scottish gold with the exception of the
of the Royal Society of Antiquaries
in Edinburgh

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Have the gold coins of India, Spain
Burma-Japan and China - showing
the largest gold coin ever struck in China
- made at the time of Confucius.

The gold coins of the So American countries
Gold coins of Bolivar "The Washington of
South America" as he was called.

All these are very rare.

The American collection dates from
1795 when our country first coined gold
on to the present time - Included
in this truly great showing of American
coinage are the rare specimens of
Pioneer Gold - Gold money coined,

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before the days of the mint in these
states - Georgia, So Carolina

Colorado Oregon and California

We have six (6) of the \$50.⁰⁰ gold coins
of California - Known as "slugs"

also the very rare Mormon \$20.⁰⁰ gold
piece.

These coins are in the finest state of
preservation - some of them in mint state.

We have valued the collection at

\$150,000

But owing to financial difficulties
will sell it for the amount of money

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it cost namely \$90,000 -

It took 33 years to assemble this
great array of the worlds finest coins
There are 25 trays full.

There are also some very remarkable
platinum and silver coins -

If you or your representation could
come here to see the collection or have
us bring it to you - I am sure
that you will find that I have
described it in uncolored terms

Would you personally be interested in
the purchase of this or could you

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refer me to some one who might see
how fortunate a thing to acquire an
intact collection that perhaps hundreds
of thousands of dollars could not
duplicate, to say nothing of the
many years of research it would
require. I have a catalogue (a private one
as I have now advertised it for sale)
also photographs of my coin which I
can send to you if you are interested
Kindly advise me soon.

Thanking you for your kindness in reading
this necessarily lengthy letter.
Sincerely, Archie A. Gilhousen, Jonathan Club,
Los Angeles, Cal.

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February 10, 1916.

Dr. Malcolm Storer,
476 Boylston Street,
Boston.

My dear Dr. Storer:-

I enclose a letter just received from Mr. Archie A. Gilhonsen, Jonathan Club, Los Angeles, Cal., which may or may not interest you. I am writing him that I am referring the letter to you. The reason for my doing so is that I thought you might possibly know of someone who would be interested to buy the American gold for the Historical Society. As I remember my father's collection, it had practically no gold in it.

When you are done with the letter it might possibly be worth while to mail it to the Museum of Fine Arts, although I imagine they have no money at all. At any rate, don't bother to acknowledge its receipt, as I shall assume it reaches you.

Yours very truly,

Wm Sumner Appleton

*Don't bother to write me about this. The
Museum of Fine Arts here says "Nothing doing"
May be you have \$9000 lying idle -*

*M
Malcolm Storer*